CLAIMS

A dye represented by formula (1):

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R_1 \\
N \\
N \\
N
\end{array}$$
 $\begin{array}{c|c}
R_2 \\
\end{array}$

wherein R_1 and R_2 each independently represents a monovalent group, Z represents a nitrogen atom or a carbon atom to which a hydrogen atom or a monovalent group is bonded, and M represents a hydrogen atom or a cation,

provided that the dye has two azo groups.

2. The dye according to claim 1, wherein the dye represented by formula (1) is a dye represented by formula (2):

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wherein R_3 and R_4 each independently represents a monovalent group, Ar_1 and Ar_2 each independently represents an aryl group or a hetero ring group, and M represents a hydrogen atom or a cation.

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3. The dye according to claim 2, wherein Ar_1 and Ar_2 each independently represents a group represented by formula (A):

10 wherein Ra represents a monovalent group.

4. The dye according to claim 1, wherein the dye represented by formula (1) is a dye represented by formula (3):

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wherein R_5 , R_6 , R_7 and R_8 each independently represents a monovalent group, Ar_3 represents a divalent

linking group, M represents a hydrogen atom or a cation.

5. The dye according to claim 1, wherein the dye represented by formula (1) is a dye represented by formula (4):

wherein R₉ and R₁₀ each independently represents a monovalent group, Ar₄ and Ar₅ each independently represents an aryl group or a hetero ring group, Ar₆

10 represents a divalent linking group, and M represents a hydrogen atom or a cation.

6. The dye according to claim 5, wherein Ar_3 and Ar_4 each independently represents a group represented by formula (A):

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wherein Ra represents a monovalent group.

7. An ink comprising a dye according to any one of claims 1 to 6.

- 8. An inkjet recording method comprising forming 5 an image by using an ink according to claim 7.
 - 9. An ink sheet comprising a dye according to any one of claims 1 to 6.
- 10 10. A color toner comprising a dye according to any one of claims 1 to 6.
 - 11. A color filter comprising a dye according to any one of claims 1 to 6.